



Your Community Connection

July-August 2014

Highlights and Insights About Reading's Community Services Website: www.readingma.gov

Board of Selectmen & Department Heads “Reading 2020”



In 2006 the Town Department Heads held an off-site Retreat to plan for the future, and three significant areas were identified as needing attention. First, the town's technology systems were older than most dump trucks owned, and Town Meeting readily agreed to a funding request – Reading is now on or near the cutting edge in use of public sector technology. Second, the buildings needed some improvement, and a strong capital planning process by the School and Facilities department led to outstanding building results. Now, preventative maintenance and proactive thinking have replaced reacting to emergencies - most of the Town and School buildings are now the envy of many communities. Finally, communication was also identified as needing improvements, and while the Town has had much success in this area, the underlying technology changed more quickly and became more affordable than anyone imagined, so more work is still needed.

The Board of Selectmen joined the Town Department Heads recently and held a Saturday Retreat to discuss the future of Reading and to develop an action plan. Town government is a Services organization – which is quite different than a business. Looked at through a corporate lens, most Town departments could be said to be ‘loss leaders’ based strictly on their relative revenues and costs. Compared to many other communities, Reading offers more services (and a high level of quality) than most do. Yet doing a ‘better job’ than these other communities consumes revenues rather than produce more.

In terms of how ‘outsiders’ see the community, Standard and Poor's global bond rating organization recently rewarded Reading with the AAA rating – their highest one available – as a result of the Town's disciplined financial practices of spending money carefully. Coupled with the belief that Reading provides more and high quality services, it is clear that Town government and the School department, along with their various Boards and Committees, have done an admirable job producing superior services within these revenue constraints.

All present at the Retreat agreed that the approximate +3% annual revenue growth compared to the expectation of the community to provide many services at a high level of quality was the most significant issue to be tackled. The key question for the community will soon be “What services should be cut, and if you can't cut them, would you be willing to pay more?”

The Retreat formally created four working groups, composed of members of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) as well as the Town Department Heads. Together these groups might be said to be using perfect

hindsight to look ahead five or so years, an effort we call “Reading 2020”. The four groups are as follows:

Community Partners: Kevin Sexton (BOS), Dan Ensminger (BOS) and Bob LeLacheur (Town Manager). Town government is one of many organizations that serve the Reading residents and businesses. We regularly work with many other organizations – non-profits, volunteer groups, and the private sector. This working group for the first time will compile a comprehensive inventory of all such relationships, and where services overlap we will have discussions as to ways to streamline our mutual efforts and share resources.

Services & Performance Measurement: Marsie West (BOS) and Jean Delios (Assistant Town Manager Community Services). This working group will create an inventory of all of the services that are provided by Town government, and create ways to measure the results and the quality of the service delivery. This measurement will include significant input from the community. A few years ago the Finance Committee led a series of Financial Forums, and one session was aimed at a study of services. Community members were asked to list a service that they currently use that they would be willing to give up – and not a single anonymous response was received. A few years later, we want to ensure that the services the Town provides are all important ones, and to identify gaps where services may need to be added or modified.

Communication: Sharon Angstrom (Town Accountant) and Jeff Zager (Public Works Director). The field of communication will always evolve, and in recent years the Town has built significant technology infrastructure, with ‘future flexibility’ being the most important design consideration. What are the best ways to communicate with the Community and seek their opinions? The World Café was very successful and drew a large number of residents several years ago. Many Volunteer Boards hold public meetings, but usually attendance is sparse unless the issue directly impacts a homeowner. Every year the Finance Committee meets three or four times in joint session with the School Committee, Library Trustees and Board of Selectmen to discuss financial planning, and community involvement in these meetings is usually light. Perhaps there are better ways to conduct community meetings?

Strategic Planning: John Arena (BOS), John Halsey (BOS), Jim Cormier (Police Chief), Greg Burns (Fire Chief) and Ruth Urell (Library Director). There are many short- and long-term specific issues that the Town is currently facing that need attention. For example, efforts are underway for an overhaul of the Zoning Bylaw, and revisions to the Town Charter. Town and School space needs have been identified, but resources and locations are not readily apparent. The downtown Post Office is for sale, and is in a vital location as a link between Main Street and lower Haven Street, both areas of significant economic development in recent years. The town has a deficit in recreational space needed. The list goes on ...

Reading is a community that has always had significant volunteer interest, and as a result is very open to ideas and suggestions that come from the public. Your Town government as a service organization is here for you. We can help provide insight and guidance, but we alone do not seek to decide community values. The next Reading 2020 planning session will be towards the end of October. If you would like to follow any or all of these working groups and have any opinions to offer or questions to ask, please send an email to townmanager@ci.reading.ma.us.

Update on the Library Project Site Plan



The Reading Public Library building project has realized significant progress in the last few weeks towards a workable site plan design. The project architects (CBT) and project manager (STV) have worked diligently to develop additional site options to further accommodate feedback from community meetings, local public safety officials and citizen comments at the May 19 CPDC meeting. The three main themes of concern were altered or concentrated traffic flow, sufficient alternative access for emergency vehicles, and sufficient on-site parking. However, all acknowledge that the neighborhood location and tight site make a perfect solution impossible.

A modified site plan was unveiled at the Library Building Committee (LBC) meeting on June 11. A copy of the overview is attached. As you will see, this option preserves the two curb cuts currently used, and avoids the need for any significant retaining walls. The LBC believes this design addresses each of the three major concerns at least in part. This proposal does involve the difficult compromise to remove several large trees in the front of the library.

After confirming satisfaction from Town safety officials and management, the LBC members present voted unanimously to endorse this plan. It was submitted for review and approval by the CPDC at a recent meeting on June 23.

STV reports that estimated project costs – including this latest site plan revision - are still expected to be within the project budget. Working groups representing the Town and the library will continue to evaluate design choices to ensure adherence to both design and expenditure expectations.

Please check the Town and Library website for project updates. If you have any questions about this project at any time, they may be directed to David Hutchinson, Chair of the LBC and a Library Trustee at david.hutchinson@ci.reading.ma.us and/or to Jane Kinsella, Business Administrator at Town Hall and also a member of the LBC at jkinsella@ci.reading.ma.us.

Reading Police Department



Two years ago the Town of Reading made a historic change after 94 years. Town Meeting voted to remove the Police Department from the oversight of the Massachusetts Civil Service Commission. Following that vote in April, the Police Department held its first open competitive entry exam. Four Hundred candidates signed up to take the written examination for an opportunity to become a Reading Police Officer. There were three police candidates hired and sent to the police academy. Officers Michael Muolo, Laura Bullis and Patrick Dawley graduated from the police academy and have been working in the town as Police Officers for the past year and a half. In the spring of last year, Officer Michael Scouten was hired as a police officer candidate, graduated from the police academy and has been working as a police officer since November 2013.

In the winter of 2012-2013 the Police Department held its first written examination for promotion to the rank of Sergeant outside of civil service. There were two openings following the retirements of Sergeant's Bruce Russell and Frank Duclos. Following the written exam, an assessment center to test the candidates' knowledge, skills, abilities and personal characteristics was held. This was the first time the police department used this testing device for the rank of Sergeant. In the spring of 2013 two promotions were made, Sergeant's Christopher Picco and Kevin Brown.

In the summer of 2013, Town Manager Bob LeLacheur asked all Department Heads to provide a restructuring plan for their Departments. Chief Cormier provided such a plan and it was approved at the November 2013 Town Meeting. The plan maintained the then current staffing level of 42 sworn officers. The restructuring include the creation of a Deputy Chief position and an additional Sergeant's position. The restructuring plan will enhance overall supervision and efficiency at all levels.

On May 27, 2014, the Board of Selectmen hosted members of the Reading Police Department for the Police Department's traditional badge pinning ceremony. In a well-attended ceremony, Deputy Chief of Police Mark D. Segalla was pinned by his family.

The restructuring will be officially completed on July 1st with the promotions of Richard Abate and David Clark to the rank of Lieutenant, those openings were created by the retirement of Lt. Peter Garchinsky and the pending retirement of Lt. Richard Robbins, and the promotions of Christine Amendola, Christopher Jones, Patrick Silva and Corey Santasky to the rank of Sergeant. Also occurring on July 1st will be the appointment to Police Officer of Matthew Orr and Kaylyn Gooley. Matthew Vatcher has been attending the Municipal Police Academy since June 2nd and is scheduled to graduate in the fall. At that time, he will be appointed as a Police Officer. Congratulations to all and we look forward to providing the best police services to the citizens of Reading.

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Our web site is: <http://www.readingma.gov/police-department> .



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Commonwealth Connect – Reading

The Town of Reading has received an innovation grant from the City of Boston to partner with SeeClickFix to bring you Commonwealth Connect - an application that empowers you to see a problem, report it, and be notified when the issue is closed!

Residents report non-emergency, quality of life problems, such as potholes and street repairs, directly to those responsible for resolving the issue.

How it works

1. Residents can send notifications via an App on their iPhone or Android device. Enter the address or use the map marker to navigate to the area where the issue you want to report is located on the map. (Use the controls in the upper left corner to move the map around the window or zoom in and out.).
2. Once you have mapped the location of your issue, click next to start step 2.
3. Enter a summary of your issue, such as "Pothole" or "Street Repair". Once you've entered a summary, you can then fill out a more detailed description of the issue and even attach a photograph. After this is complete, enter a display name as well as a valid email address. After you've completed all the fields, press submit to create a public report of your issue!
4. Download at the App Store, Google Play, Windows Phone, and Blackberry App.

Visit the application website or watch the informational video for more information about SeeClickFix and how it works.

Funded by the Community Innovation Challenge Grant Program

READING MATTERS...

The Reading Board of Selectmen

You can contact the Board by phone, email at selectmen@ci.reading.ma.us, attendance at meetings, and the monthly office hours held at 6:30 PM on the first Meeting of the month.

BOS OFFICE HOURS:

July 15 – August 19

6:30 PM to 7:00 PM



Don't forget!

**Your Community Connection
is now issued every other month!**

The news will be fresher...crisper...newer!



Real Estate Taxes... Water/Sewer... Storm Water Bills... Electronic Payments...



Water/Sewer/Storm Water bills were mailed on June 10th and must be paid by 7:00 PM on July 15th in order to receive the 10% discount. Payments not received by July 31st accrue interest daily at an annual rate of 14% until payment is received. Postmarks are not accepted. The white mail box in the parking lot will be emptied at 7:00 PM on July 15th with no exceptions allowed, so please plan ahead. The next bills will be mailed on September 10th.

The first installment of the FY15 Preliminary Real Estate/Personal Property tax bills will be in the mail by June 30th. Payment is due by August 4, 2014. The preliminary bills do not show either the valuation of the property or the tax rate; this information will be included on the actual tax bills after they are approved by the Department of Revenue in the late fall.

The preliminary bills are based on last year's actual bills, plus liens and betterments, less abatements and exemptions, as adjusted to reflect the annual 2.5% tax increase allowed under Proposition 2 1/2. The state mandated interest rate is 14% for late payments. The second installment bills will be mailed in September. Payments not received by the due dates are subject to interest and demand fees.

The demand fee increased from \$5 to \$25 as of January 1, 2009 by vote of Town Meeting. Please note that effective January 1, 2014, we are no longer mailing reminder notices about late payments before imposing the demand fee on unpaid bills. Phone, email and text reminders are available to those that sign up for Reading Community Alerts.

Please watch for your bills and contact our office if you do not receive them.

If you're using an on-line bill payment service through your bank, please be sure that you allow plenty of time for your bank to **mail** a check to our office. Most banks require 7 – 10 business days to guarantee on-time payment. Also, please check that you have the proper bill number or account number referenced on your payment. Bill numbers change each cycle and are often not updated on your on-line bill payment checks.

We do not receive electronic payments from your bank unless you use the link from our website. If you choose to use this link, you may pay up until the due date and your payment will be considered timely.

Reading Response Program



The Reading Response Program provides assistance to Reading residents with medically related services including transportation to medical appointments and paying for hospital services. The program is funded by the investment income on the Hospital Trust Funds. Financial guidelines do apply, with a sliding scale of co-pays for varying income levels. This is intended to be a supplemental program providing medically necessary assistance that is not covered under Medicare or private health insurance. For more information, please contact Elder/Human Services or Nancy Heffernan, Treasurer/Collector.



The Veterans' Memorial Trust Fund Needs Your Support!

Did you know that in Reading there are approximately 2,000 veterans' graves, four cemeteries and eleven war memorials that are decorated each year on Memorial Day with markers, flags and geraniums? The funds for the geraniums come from the Veterans' Memorial trust Fund that was created in 2001 to "ensure that the tradition of placing a flower on every grave will continue and that these veterans will be *Forever Remembered*."

Only the interest from the fund may be used to purchase the flowers for the veterans' graves at a cost of approximately \$4,000 each year. We are concerned that given the present interest rates the fund will not last but you can help! Your tax deductible contribution will help make a difference! This is also the perfect opportunity to honor a present or former family member or friend who was in the military, be it a memorial tribute, birthday, Father's Day or any time you just want to show gratitude for their service to our country. Checks may be made out to the Veterans Memorial Trust Fund, and if it is a tribute, include the name and address of the honoree so we can send them and you an acknowledgement of your gracious gift. Contributions should be sent to the: **Veterans Memorial Trust Fund, C/O Veterans Service Officer, Reading Town Hall, 16 Lowell Street, Reading MA 01867.**

Any questions call Veterans Service Officer Frank Driscoll at 781-942-6652.

NPDES Clean Stormwater Tip:

YARD AND LAWN WORK



*Here are some ways
home owners
can help keep our
stormwater clean
during your
yard and lawn work*

- Remove debris such as trash, leaves and grass clipping away from catch basins, drainage ditches and waterways.
- Whenever possible use environmentally friendly, biodegradable products when cleaning outside.
- Do not dump household waste such as paint, cleaning products, motor oils, antifreeze, pet excrement, yard waste or any other hazardous material into catch basins, drainage ditches and waterways.
- Dispose of hazardous waste properly with the town's Household Hazardous Materials Collection Program.
- Minimize the use of fertilizers near catch basins, drainage ditches and waterways.
- Dispose of pet waste in the trash.
- Do not dump yard debris such as grass clippings and leaves near wetlands, drainage ditches or streams. If necessary use the Town's compost center.

If you identify any pollution in a catch basin, drainage ditch, stream or wetland, such as unusual colors, odors or pollutants, please call the Stormwater Hotline:

1-781-942-NOW1

The information and the design was compiled by The Town of Reading Engineering Division to raise public awareness for the EPA's NPDES Phase II Storm Water Program. Any further questions Call 1-781-942-9082





The Compost Center Is Open!

Schedule for July ~ August

OPEN DURING JULY:

Mon: July 7, 14, 21, 28 ~ 8:00 AM – 12:00

Sat: July 5, 12, 19, 26 ~ 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

OPEN DURING AUGUST:

Mon: Aug 4, 11, 18, 25 ~ 8:00 AM – 12:00

Sat: Aug 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 ~ 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

The following materials will be accepted at the Compost Area: leaves, grass clippings and yard waste. Tree trimmings may be a maximum of 8' in length and 8" in diameter. The Compost Area is open to Reading residents only. Commercial vehicles are excluded.

You will need a 2014 Community Access Sticker for access to the Compost Center. Available at the Reading Police Department 24/7.

Questions? Call 781-942-9077 (Mon-Thur.)



Taking Root for the Future



A Commemorative Shade Tree Planting Program

The Town of Reading is proud to announce its "Taking Root for the Future" shade tree planting program. The tree planting program offers an opportunity for you to help beautify Reading and recognize a person or event with the planting of a shade tree.

Any person, business, group or organization may sponsor a tree and be recognized on the Town's commemorative plaque located in the Town Hall and on the Town of Reading website. You may be celebrating a birth, a graduation or wedding, or donate in memory of a loved one, or acknowledge your businesses, group or organization.

Reading's publicly owned trees are a capital asset and are as important as our streets, sidewalk, public building and recreational facilities. In addition to the advantage of sponsorship, our community will enjoy the numerous benefits of the trees for generations to come.

Your sponsorship contribution of \$300 will pay for the tree, its planting and care, as well as a plate on the commemorative plaque displayed in the Town Hall. Please note that the planting location for an individual tree cannot be specified. Acknowledgement of sponsorship will be through the town plaque and the website.

For more information, or to sponsor a tree, contact the Public Works Department at 781-942-9077.

TOWN OF READING DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



The MWRA, in conjunction with the Department of Public Works Water Division, has mailed the annual Water Quality Report to all residential and commercial customers of the Reading water system. This report contains information on the Town's and MWRA's systems and supplies. The report also contains information relative to water quality tests conducted by both systems through 2013.

Copies of this report may be accessed on the Town's web site, <http://www.readingma.gov/Pages/index>. Click on Contact Information Public Works, Water Division, 2013 Consumer Confidence report. Under Our Current Report click on "Water and Power of UV Light" – All Communities. Under Fully-Supplied Metro Boston/Metro West Communities select Reading or call the Department of Public Works at 781-942-9077.

Reading Public Library Summer Reading for All Ages

Check our online calendar for a summer full of fun!

www.readingpl.org



Looking for Adopt an Island Caretakers!



The Reading Garden Club, along with the Town, has been coordinating the volunteers who care for the 100 sites or barrels around town since 1996. This season we have 3 sites available for caretakers! They are located at: the corner of West Street and Arcadia Avenue; High Street and Vine Street; and the third site is located at the Depot on the corner of Woburn Street and High Street. The signs are at each site throughout the year. A business, individual, or group can take over as "caretaker" and only need to keep the site litter and weed free. The creativity comes into play when you plan a beautiful garden for everyone to enjoy. If you are interested, or need more information, please contact the Reading Garden Club at:

readinggardenclubadoptanisland@gmail.com

Thank you and happy gardening!

In Reading, culture counts.

The RCC can help shine the spotlight on your project.

Contact the Reading Cultural Council to learn more about applying for a grant at mass-culture.org/reading or readingculturalcouncil@gmail.com

Deadline for applications is October 15, 2014





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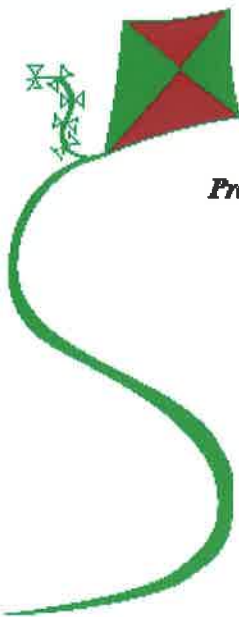
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Non-profit organizations that are from the Town of Reading can advertise their events, fundraisers, concerts, plays, music events, and most other events for free in *Your Community Connection*!

For more information contact Maureen Knight at 781-942-6610



**...If you're a MOM
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...The MOMS Club® of Reading, MA is for you!**

If you are looking for fun things to do with your kids this summer, we have some great things to offer. There will be local playdates in a park and field trips into Boston: something for everyone. We have a monthly MOMS Night Out, Book Club, Open House and other many other fun events planned by our members happening all the time!

Regardless of your child's age, we are likely to have children in your child's age group and have more joining every month! At last count we have:

24 Babies
22 Toddlers
24 Pre-schoolers
27 Grade-schoolers

We're a 501(C) (3) nonprofit registered with the IRS. We donate the Ecotarium Museum pass and the Peabody Essex Museum pass to the library and raised \$1,662.26 for the benefit of radKIDS®!

If you would like to join us, go to:

www.readingmomsclub.com or readingmomsclub.org

or email us at info@readingmomsclub.org.

We look forward to meeting you!



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781.944.3876

www.fbcreading.org ~ office@fbcreading.org



JULY



July Activities at the Pleasant Street Center

49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading

To make reservations call 781.942.6794 between 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday – Friday

LAST CHANCE TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT FOR - Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Set sail with Elder Services...

All aboard the *Spirit of Boston* luncheon cruise. Trip includes transportation, cruise, luncheon buffet, entertainment and dancing \$74.00 per person for more information or to make a reservation contact Sharon 781-942-6796 **Reserve by July 7.**

Blood Pressure

July 11, Friday - 10:15 – 10:45

And July 24, – 11:00 – 12:00

Computer Classes

Learn to use email, send pictures, Facebook or use the internet to look up your ancestors, medical conditions, vacation spots, news, anything. And it's all FREE too! We have WIFI so bring your own laptop if you want.

Erin Thursdays, July 10, 17 and 24, 10:00 – 11:00

Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:00pm with Ethan

Art Lessons with Steve Greco

Tuesdays – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 2 ½ hours for \$10.00 minimum of five students for the class; Steve will teach any medium.

Lunch is served

Noon. Join us every weekday (except holidays) for a terrific meal, good conversation, and occasional live entertainment, Sponsored by Mystic Valley Elder Services. Suggested donation of \$2.00 (under age 60, cost is \$3.50).

Pleasant Street Spa

Roberta Our Hairdresser

Monday, July 7 — 9:30 – 1:00 by appointment call 781-245-6605

For facials, manicures, chair massage please call the Pleasant Street Center (No Van Service)

Facials – Thursday, July 3 and 17 - 9:00 - 11:00 Choose 15 min. / \$5 or 30 min. /\$10.

Manicures - Thursday, July 10 and 24 - 9:30 - 1:00 - \$6.00 or \$7.00 French

Chair Massage - Thursday, July 3 and 17 - 9:00 – 11:45 receive a 15 minute chair massage for only \$8.

FITNESS

Motion to Music - Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:00. \$20/month; NOTE: \$15/month - any 5 classes during the calendar month. Drop-ins \$4/session

B.E.S.T.

Balance, Energy, Strength, Training Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 \$3/Session Drop-ins welcome

Yoga

Mondays – 11:00 – 12:00, 4 weeks for \$40 or \$11 for drop-in. Yoga will increase your strength, flexibility and balance. It energizes the body and calms the mind.

Zumba Gold

With Kelli on Mondays and Wednesdays with Cindy 9:15 - 10:15 - \$5 session Zumba is fun... So grab some friends and come take a class! Drop-ins welcome

Tai Chi

“FOREVER 49” Fit for Life Fitness Program - Tai Chi, Chi Gong, weight lifting, and more. Mondays & Wednesdays 1:30 - 2:30 \$40 for the month or \$10 for Drop-ins

GAMES

Cribbage Mondays 1:00 - 3:00

Billiards (No van) Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:15

Pool Table is available Monday - Friday

Bingo Tuesdays 1:00 - 2:30

Mah Jongg - Thursdays, 12:30 - 3:30

Party Bridge Friday, 12:45 – 3:15 \$1.00 to play - Maximum 32, (No Van)

Chess Friday, 1:00 - 3:00 (No van)



Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Party: Thursday, July 3, 12:00: Join us for music, games, prizes and food: Grilled hamburger served with lettuce, tomato, cheese, coleslaw and a bag of chips. Assorted pies for dessert

Parkinson's Disease Support Group

Wednesday, July 9, 1:30 to 3 Led by Mary Napoli RN Greater Medford VNA

BBQ Lunch Thursday, July 10, 12:00 pm - The folks at Wilmington Health Center are bringing their grills and generously cooking up hotdogs & hamburgers. Join us for this free lunch and say thanks for a great meal.



Movie Day – July 10, 1:15 The Guilt Trip. After Andy Brewster invents a fabulous new organic cleaner, he goes on a cross-country road trip to promote it. His mother, Joyce, comes along for the ride but soon discovers that her son has an ulterior motive: fixing her up with a long-lost flame. Cast: Seth Rogen, Barbra Streisand

Understanding Facebook

Thursday, July 17, 10:00 - Ever wondered what is the hype about Facebook? Need help setting up a page. Erin Dunn will demonstrate Facebook and how to use it. Whether you're a bigger or expert this class will be filled with helpful information.

Not Too Stuffy Book Club

Thursday, July 17, 1:00 A Shoot on Martha's Vineyard by Philip Craig. Life on Martha's Vineyard is good until a Hollywood Movie Scout shows up. Books are available at the Library or Pleasant Street Center.



Movie Day: Thursday, July 17, 1:00 - **American Masters: Johnny Carson: King of Late Night** - Explore the fascinating life and career of Johnny Carson, the beloved and influential longtime host of "The Tonight Show."

S.H.I.N.E. Counseling – (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders)

Meeting in the Computer Room Friday July 18, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call for an appointment 781-942-6794

July 21, noon - Birthday Lunch

Come celebrate your birthday – if it is the month of your birthday you will receive a free gift and your lunch is free. Bring your friends to celebrate with you – suggested donation for lunch if not your birthday month is \$2.00

Lunch n' Learn

Thursday, July 24, 12:00 lunch, learn 12:30 **"What's New in Town?"** Assistant Town Manager Jean Delios will update us on what's new in town.

Lobster Roll Dinner sponsored by the COA

Thursday, July 24, 5:00 Come to the Pleasant Street Center and enjoy this free summer event. For Reading residents only. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Call to reserve- 781-942-6794.

Special Luau Lunch

Wednesday, July 30, 12:00 with entertainer Jim Moses. Put on your grass skirt and get ready to Hula.



Movie Day: July 31, 1:00 Frozen After her kingdom is doomed to suffer from eternal winter, intrepid Anna goes on a quest to find her reclusive sister, the Snow Queen, and break the curse. Along the way, Anna teams with eccentric mountaineer Kristoff and his comic reindeer, Sven. **Bring the kiddos to this fun movie. Complimentary refreshments!**

READING RECREATION SUMMER CAMP



Week 1 (June 30-July 3) - READING, WHITE & BLUE!!

Celebrate your freedom... FOR your country and FROM your school work in our first week of summer camp!



Week 2 (July 7-11) - DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

This week will focus on every dodgeball game imaginable! Children will enjoy dodgeball games like doctor, bombardment, sea wars, free for all, and more! After all the practice, teams will be made and a HUGE tournament will be held!



Week 3 (July 14-July 18) - ANIMAL ADVENTURES

It's a JUNGLE out there! Campers will have a blast participating in animal-themed sports, games, crafts and more! You will not want to miss out on our special guests this week! We're not lion, it's going to be a wild time.



Week 4 (July 21-July 25) - READING'S GOT TALENT

Let your inner performer shine at Reading Recreation's Talent Week. Show us what you've got and let all your friends and family know they are more than welcome to come see Reading's Talent.



Week 5 (July 28-August 1) - GAME SHOW MANIA

Get ready to play as a contestant, judge or even a game show host! Come on down to a week of game show wit and fun where we'll challenge each other to compete in versions of our favorite game shows!



Week 6 (August 4-8) - SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES

It will be a gold medal week at our Olympics in Reading! We will participate in a variety of sports including handball, soccer, basketball, and of course, DODGEBALL! Sure to be fun for all of our Olympic boys and girls!



Week 7 (August 11-15) - ULTIMATE BEACH PARTY!

Say goodbye to summer in a big way with Reading Recreation's Beach Party! Dance to the Beach Boys and other "fun in the sun" music. Wear your sunglasses, play volleyball and Frisbee, and last but not least, enjoy a visit from Kona-Ice!

FOR MORE DETAILS OR TO REGISTER VISIT: www.readingrec.com

READING RECREATION
SUMMER SPORTS LEAGUES



KoolKicks Soccer League for Grades K-2 on Mondays!!
July 7th – August 11th



Summer Basketball Leagues for Grades K-12 on Tuesdays!!
July 8th – August 19th



Street Hockey League for Grades 3-5 on Thursdays!!
July 10th – August 14th



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BOYS AND GIRLS
TRAVEL BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

COMING SOON!!

Visit www.readingrec.com in September

Your Community Connection ~ July-August 2014

SUMMER ICE SKATING LESSONS

Tuesdays, July 1, 2014 – August 19, 2014



NSSC JUNIOR CLUB
BURBANK ICE ARENA
51 SYMONDS WAY
READING, MA. 01867

FOR AGES 4 THROUGH ADULT – BEGINNER THROUGH ADVANCED

YEARLY ADMINISTRATION FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE.):

First family member \$25.00. Each additional family member is \$20.00. One time annual fee covers period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 regardless of the registration date the previous year.

Again this Summer!!!

- **Discounted price for 8 weeks for applications received prior to the first day of classes!**
- **Going to miss classes on random weeks? Pay only for the number of classes you'll be skating!**
- **Walk-ons accepted on a per week basis provided class level is not full** (*Yearly administration fee still applies*)

6:00pm – 7:00pm 25-30min. lesson: 25-30min. practice Price in advance
\$100.00 8 weeks - Price on class day \$112.00

Snowplow 1 (Beginners ages 4-7)

Snowplow 2, 3 (Ages 4 - 7)

Basic One (Beginners ages 8 - 11)

Basic 1 – Basic 6

Hockey 1 – Hockey 4 (Ages 4 & up)

6:30pm – 7:00pm 25-30min. lesson only, NO PRACTICE Price in advance \$96.00
Power & Artistry Class Price on class day \$108.00

(Must have passed Basic 6 or higher.)

7:00pm – 7:50pm ~ 5 minute warm-up, 45 minute lesson only ~Price in advance \$134.00
8 weeks ~ Price on class day \$150.00

Teen Introductory (No previous lessons ages 12-18)

Basic 7 – Basic 8

Freeskate 1 - Freeskate 6

Adult 1 - 4 (Adult Basic Program)

Adult Freeskate 1 - Adult Freeskate 6

For pro-rated prices for 7 weeks or less please see our website

We also offer private lessons and practice sessions on weekdays and evenings during the summer!

For more information call Suzi Swezey at (781)944-5874, (781)942-2760 or email nsscjc@nsskating.org

Visit our website at: www.nsskating.net

Your Community Connection ~ July-August 2014

Reading Recreation



Color Guard Summer Clinic



July 7-11

It's the Color Guard clinic you've all been waiting for! This week long Color Guard clinic is designed to introduce students (grades 6-12) to Color Guard, A Sport of the Arts, with an in-depth view of the Reading Memorial High School Fall Guard and Winter Guard programs. Students will learn basic color guard skills (including stretching, dance and flag basics) and a simple choreographed routine. The clinic will be run by very experienced members and alumni of the RMHS Color Guard with adult supervision. The staff will share their highly skilled expertise and their various experiences from competing with Independent and University Color Guards, University Marching Bands and Drum Corps along with our award winning RMHS programs. Staff will demonstrate weapon skills (rifle and sabre tosses, etc.) but the students will only work with flags during this clinic. A short exhibition for families will be held on the last day of class. All equipment will be provided. All inclusive, no experience necessary!

Monday thru Thursday ~ 9 AM to 3 PM ~ Friday 9 AM to Noon
Parker Middle School ~ \$200 ~ Open to students entering grades 6-12
Email Cathy Juliano: julianofamily@msn.com
or text 617-957-5840 for more information.

Register at readingrec.org

Molding a Champion

**with Hallmark Health
At the Burbank YMCA**

This program will help teens in the areas of functional strength, agility, and injury prevention. The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM for five weeks beginning July 7th.





Summer Theater Education



Colonial Summer Players

Students ages 13-18

July 28 to August 17, 2014

Performances: August 15, 16 & 17

Program cost: \$800

Fame - the Musical

Showkidz

Students ages 7-13

July 7 to July 26, 2014

Performances: July 25 & 26

Program cost: \$625

HONK! Jr.



- ★ Develop performance and stagecraft skills in a supportive and creative atmosphere.
- ★ Learn every aspect of producing a musical theater show with skilled full-time teachers.
- ★ Workshops held at our dedicated space, the Old Hose House at 1249 Main Street, Reading, MA.

**For more info call 781.944.9780,
email CSPI249@gmail.com or visit www.colonialchorus.com**

Fame and Honk! Jr are presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019
Phone: (212) 541-4684 Fax: (212) 397 4684 www.MTishows.com

Jungle Jim



Wild About Balloons!

Wednesday ~July 9

3:00 to 4:00 PM

Theatre on the Green

Located at the
John & Marge Pacino Bandstand
Memorial Park

Steve Savio



Contemporary Classics

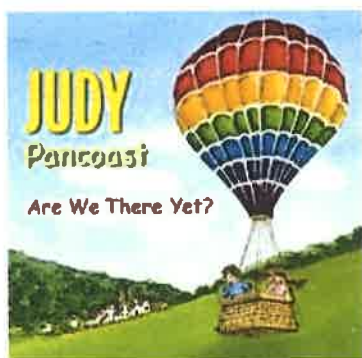
Sunday ~ July 13

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Concerts on the Common

Located at the Common in
Front of Town Hall

Judy Pancoast



Are We There Yet?

Wednesday ~July 16

3:00 to 4:00 PM

Theatre on the Green

Located at the
John & Marge Pacino Bandstand
Memorial Park

Goodtime Stringband



Oldtime, Swing, Blue Grass

Sunday ~ July 20

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Concerts on the Common

Located at the Common in
Front of Town Hall

All Hands



Drumming for All Ages

Wednesday ~ July 23

3:00 to 4:00 PM

Theatre on the Green

Located at the
John & Marge Pacino Bandstand
Memorial Park

4EverFab



Beatles Cover Band

Sunday ~ July 27

6:30 to 8:00 PM

Concerts on the Common

Located at the Common in
Front of Town Hall

Burbank YMCA Aquatics Summer Conditioning



This is a great opportunity for high school and college swimmers to gear up for their fall teams. July 27 – August 22, Monday, Wednesday, Friday 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Sunday 7:00 to 9:00 AM.

The Toe Jam Puppet Band



Wednesday ~ July 30

3:00 to 4:00 PM

Theatre on the Green

Located at the
John & Marge Pacino Bandstand
Memorial Park

AUGUST



August Activities at the Pleasant Street Center

Pleasant Street Center ~ 49 Pleasant Street ~ Reading, MA

To make reservations 781-942-6794 between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday – Friday

Blood Pressure

August 8, Friday - 10:15 – 10:45 and Thursday, August 28 - 11:00 – 12:00

Computer Classes

Learn to use email, send pictures, Facebook or use the internet to look up your ancestors, medical conditions, vacation spots, news, anything. And it's all FREE too! We have WIFI so bring your own laptop if you want. **Erin - Thursdays, August 14 and 21 - 10:00 – 11:00, Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:00pm with Ethan**

Art Lessons with Steve Greco

Tuesdays – 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 2 ½ hours for \$10.00 minimum of five students for the class; Steve will teach any medium.

Lunch is Served

Noon. Join us every weekday (except holidays) for a terrific meal, good conversation, and occasional live entertainment, Sponsored by Mystic Valley Elder Services. Suggested donation of \$2.00 (under age 60, cost is \$3.50).

Pleasant Street Spa

Roberta Our Hairdresser - Monday, August 4 - 9:30 - 1:00 by appointment call (781) 245-6605

For facials, manicures, chair massage please call the Pleasant Street Center (No Van Service)

Facials – Thursday, August 7 and 21 – 9:00 - 11:00 Choose 15 min. / \$5 or 30 min. /\$10.

Manicures - Thursday, August 14 and 28 - 9:30 - 1:00 - \$6.00 or \$7.00 French

Chair Massage - Thursday, August 7 and 21 - 9:00 – 11:45 receive a 15 minute chair massage for only \$8.

Motion to Music

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 - 10:00. \$20/month; **NOTE:** \$15/month - any **5** classes during the calendar month. Drop-ins \$4/session

B.E.S.T.

Balance, Energy, Strength, Training Fridays, 9:00 - 10:00 \$3/Session Drop-ins welcome

Zumba Gold

With Kelli on Mondays and Wednesdays **with Cindy** 9:15 - 10:15 - \$5 session Zumba is fun... So grab some friends and come take a class! Drop-ins welcome

Tai Chi

"FOREVER 49" Fit for Life Fitness Program - Tai Chi, Chi Gong, weight lifting, and more. **Mondays & Wednesdays** 1:30 - 2:30 \$40 for the month or \$10 for Drop-ins

GAMES

Cribbage Mondays 1:00 - 3:00

Billiards (No van) Wednesdays, 10:00 - 11:15

Pool Table is available Monday - Friday

Bingo Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00 - 2:30 (except the 1st Thursday)

Mah Jongg - Thursdays, 12:30 - 3:30

Party Bridge Friday, 12:45 - 3:15 \$1.00 to play - Maximum 32, (No Van)

Chess Friday, 1:00 - 3:00 (No van)



Movie Day, Thursday, August 7, 1:00 pm "**Diana**"; Princess Diana embarked on a campaign to ban landmines and have a love affair with Dr. Hasnat Khan.

Low Vision Group

August 13, 10am speaker - Michelle Ellicks from the Registry of Motor Vehicles

Summer Special Lunch

Wednesday, August 13, 12:00 with entertainer Howie Newman, sing-along.

Games on Big Screen

Thursday, August 14, 1:00 - 2:15 Price is Right, Wheel of Fortune. Come join the fun!

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, August 14, 2:30 sponsored by BRIGHTVIEW, North Andover

S.H.I.N.E. Counseling

(Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) Meeting in the Computer Room August 15 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call for an appointment 781-942-6794

Senator Jason Lewis Office Hours

Friday, August 15, 2:30 -3:30

Lunch n' Learn

August 19, 12:00 lunch and learn 12:30 **"Reading Response"**. Provides health services or complements existing services on a no cost basis or reduced fee. Free or low cost transportation to medical appointments will also be discussed.

Mystic Valley Elder Services Cookout

August 21, Noon, Jimmy Buffet Theme - Music, specialty drinks, hot dogs and hamburgers. Come dressed for Margaretville.

Not too Stuffy Book Club

August 21, 1:00 pm, Crashing Through by Robert Kurson. A story of risk and adventure.

Massachusetts Dancesport Challenge

Saturday, August 23, 8:00 – 7:00 at Memorial Hall in Melrose Tickets: \$20 - Senior discount \$10 for groups of 10 or more. Come and cheer on our dancers. Checks, made payable to MDC, are due to receptionist by August 15.

Birthday Lunch

Monday, August 25, Noon Come celebrate your birthday – if it is the month of your birthday you will receive a free gift and your lunch is free. Bring your friends to celebrate with you – suggested donation for lunch if not your birthday month is \$2.00

What's in your medicine cabinet?

Tuesday, August 26, 10:15, Learn how over the counter medications, certain foods & drinks can affect your medication doses. Sponsored by Lahey Clinic Health Systems.



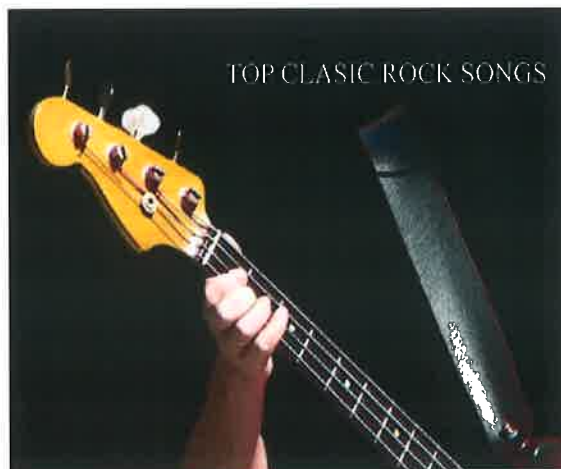
Movie Day, Thursday, August 28, 1:00 pm: **"Lee Daniels' The Butler"** Oscar-winner Forest Whitaker as Cecil Gaines, who served as the White House butler under eight presidents

About Time

**Classic Rock from the
60's and 70's**

**Sunday ~ August 3
6:00 to 7:30 PM**

Concerts on the Common
Located at the Common in
Front of Town Hall



Weird Animal Day Camp

A VBS Adventure

at Old South UMC 6 Salem Street, Reading MA



August 4-8

9AM – Noon

\$25 per child*

*Scholarships are available upon request



For kids entering preschool[†]
through 5th grade

[†]Children must be 3 years old and potty trained



At weird animal day camp, every kid is one-of-a-kind. Through music, games, crafts, and snacks, kids will learn that even when they feel weird, they are cool just the way they are. They will also hear from real kids sharing about overcoming challenges that might make

them feel weird, such as autism, cancer, and bullying. Kids will meet some weird animal buddies and some special human ones too.

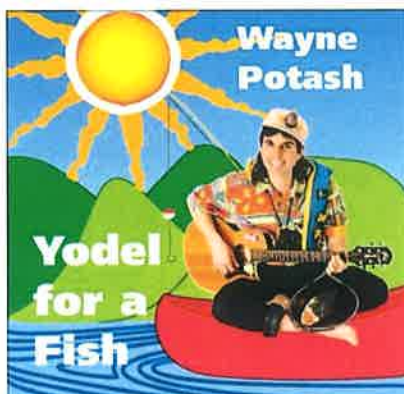


Register online at
oldsouthumc.org/VBS

Or contact
PastorCarol@oldsouthumc.org
or 781-944-2636



Wayne Potash



Yodel for a Fish

Wednesday ~ August 6
3:00 to 4:00 PM

Theatre on the Green

Located at the
John & Marge Pacino Bandstand
Memorial Park

Reading Civic Concert Band



Concert Variety

Sunday ~ August 10
6:00 to 7:30 PM

Concerts on the Common

Located at the Common in
Front of Town Hall

Karen K & the Jitterbugs



Big Ol' Truck

Wednesday ~ August 13
3:00 to 4:00 PM

Theatre on the Green

Located at the
John & Marge Pacino Bandstand
Memorial Park

Burbank YMCA

Puppy Swim



August 23 ~ 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Enjoy the dog days of summer in our small pool with your pooch. Before we drain the small pool for its annual cleaning we allow a special day for you to bring your dog and take a 30 minute swim. A \$25 donation is appreciated to benefit the Burbank YMCA Annual Fund.

Save the Date!

Events in September & October 2014



September 3: Senior Art Celebration, Call for Submissions. The Senior Art Show kicks off ART+experience... a month long celebration of senior art at Mystic Valley Elder Services. For more information about entering art work or the workshops go to www.mves.org/art.

September 7: EMARC's 20th Annual 5K. Sunday, September 7 at 10:00 AM at the Melrose YMCA. Sponsored by Marathon Sports.

September 7: Reading Fall Street Faire, Downtown, Noon to 5:00 PM with all the great fun you have come to expect from this family friendly event!

September 10: Reading Art Association kicks off its new season with a watercolor floral demonstration by Dustan Knight.

September 20: There will be a Civil War Living History Encampment on the grounds of the Parker Tavern from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The reenactors representing the 15th Regiment of the Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry will be setting up camp.

